



## ***Indiana Professional Standards Board***

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### **Memorandum**

To: Members, Indiana Professional Standards Board

From: Judy Miller, Director of Assessment

Date: April 28, 2004

Re: Proposed Qualifying Scores for Praxis II Specialty Area Tests

**Background:** In February, standard setting and validation studies were conducted for the Middle School English Language Arts, Middle School Science, and Middle School Social Studies tests. The proposed scores are based on the study value minus one standard error of measurement. Attached to this memo are tables that include the projected success rate based on information from Indiana standard-setting activities, and also qualifying score data from other states where the tests currently are in use. The complete report on the standard-setting is available for review on request.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed qualifying scores and begin the rule promulgation process for these scores.

**The Indiana Professional Standards Board Action:**

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**Enclosure:** Projected Success Rates  
Test Study Values and Standard Errors of Measurement  
Information from Praxis Series on Validation and Standard-Setting Procedures

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*If Indiana students are to achieve high standards, there must be  
competent, caring, and qualified educators to get them there.*